

City of Renton

Board of Park Commissioners



Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2008

4:30 p.m.–City Hall – 7th Floor Conferencing Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Tim Searing, called the September 9, 2008, meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.

In Attendance

The following persons were present:

Members: Tim Searing, Cynthia Burns, Michael O'Donin, Ron Regis, Larry Reymann

Absent: Al Dieckman

Staff: Sandy Pilat, Leslie Betlach, Jerry Rerecich, Kelly Beymer

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Michael O'Donin made a motion seconded by Larry Reymann to approve the agenda as written. All were in favor, motion carried, agenda approved.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Michael O'Donin made a motion seconded by Ron Regis to approve the July minutes as written (there was a tour in lieu of the regular August meeting). Motion carried, the July 2008 minutes were approved.

IV. CONSENT

Kelly Beymer, Golf Course Manager, presented proposed fee increases for rental clubs, senior 18-hole weekday green fees, 18-hole weekend green fees and 9-hole weekday green fees. These increases will allow Maplewood to remain competitive within the market and complete major maintenance and CIP projects. A competitive market analysis, 2008 fee comparison, and proposed 2009 major maintenance projects were provided to the board members. Larry Reymann made a motion to approve the fee increases, seconded by Ron Regis to approve the proposed fee increases. All were in favor, motion carried.

V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Aaron Oesting, Assistant Library Director, accessed the re-vamped City website, and showcased Community Services Department pages. He gave everyone an overview of the contents, pages, various divisions, and interactive maps. The Board commented on how 'clean and user friendly' the site is now and thanked Aaron for his time.

VI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

2009 Budget Report

Leslie Betlach, Parks Director, reviewed the PowerPoint second quarter Financial Report presentation given at the Council meeting on September 8, 2008. Leslie explained the revenue shortfalls warranted a potential 7% reduction in expenditures for the 2009 budget. This would be accomplished by not filling some current vacant positions, reducing capital and line item expenditures. She mentioned the length of the Boeing strike will affect the City's revenue also.

Retreat

Last year the Board members and staff spent four hours on a Saturday and took a tour of some facilities in Bellevue. Tim Searing and Terry Higashiyama were working on ideas for a retreat for this fall. The Board felt we should have a defined agenda and remarked how they all enjoyed the facility tour previously taken. Jerry Rerecich indicated the focus of the retreat would probably be goal setting and planning and most likely be for approximately four hours on a Saturday. Tim Searing indicated he would meet with Terry in the next couple of weeks and draft an agenda and work plan to bring to the October meeting.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Ron Regis Park Update

Leslie Betlach, Parks Director, gave an update of the status of the grants for the second phase of construction. We were number 24 out of 76 and missed the funding threshold by 1.5 million dollars. While it is unlikely we will make the first cuts, projects ahead of the City may drop out allowing the City to be funded. We are currently looking for other funding resources, such as sponsorships.

VIII. INFORMATION

Burnett Linear Park celebration--October 11, 2008 @ 9:00 a.m.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Off-Leash Dog Park Report
Trails Master Plan

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the September meeting. All were in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Signature

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

October 14, 2008 @ 4:30 P.M.

**Renton Community Center
Room A**